



City of Whittier

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Joe Vinatieri
Mayor

Los Angeles County Redistricting Commission
Via webform: <https://publiccomment.redistricting.lacounty.gov/>

Cathy Warner
Mayor Pro Tem

Subject: Support for Proposed Map E – LA County Redistricting Map

Jessica Martinez
Council Member

Dear Co-Chairs Mayeda and Williams and Members of the Commission:

Fernando Dutra
Council Member

The City Council of the City of Whittier takes particular interest in the Los Angeles County Redistricting Commission's process with regard to the boundaries of the district that would include Whittier. At a Special Council Meeting on November 18, 2021, the Whittier City Council unanimously approved Proposed Map E. For a variety of reasons, the City of Whittier comprises a community of interest with our neighbors, ranging geographically from Santa Fe Springs and La Mirada to La Habra Heights, Rowland Heights and Diamond Bar.

Henry Bouchot
Council Member

Brian Saeki
City Manager

Whittier, together with our neighbors, jointly cares for our protected hillside environment through the Hillside Open Space Education Coalition (HOSEC) in partnership with the communities of La Habra Heights, Rowland Heights and Hacienda Heights. Keeping the Puente Hills – Chino Hills Wildlife Corridor within one supervisorial district would additionally benefit joint preservation efforts. We also work closely with nearby cities of Santa Fe Springs, La Mirada, Norwalk, Cerritos and Lakewood on a variety of water supply and water quality concerns, including our participation in the Southeast Water Coalition (SEWC) and the Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group (LSGR). Most significantly, our ties to the City of Santa Fe Springs include school districts (Los Nietos School District and Whittier Union High School District jointly serve both communities); the City of Whittier supplies Santa Fe Springs with potable water from our Central Basin wells, and the Whittier Police Department provides contract public safety and police services for the City of Santa Fe Springs.

We urge your commission to consider these community of interest priorities and urge you to adopt Proposed Map E. Please contact City Manager Brian Saeki with questions at 562-567-9301.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Joe Vinatieri
Mayor